Dallas School District
Weather- Related Delays, Early DIsmissals, Closures, and Virtual Instructional Days
2026-2027

Weather- Related Delays, Early Dismissals, Closures, and Virtual Instructional Days, when necessary, will be communicated via the automated calling and text system and media outlets. Be sure to update your information in our automated system.

Virtual Instructional Days are the same as past year's Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs.)

If a delay, closure, or Virtual Instructional Day will be announced the night prior, that announcement will generally occur before 8:30 PM.

If a delay, closure or Virtual Instructional Day will be announced the morning of, that announcement will generally occur before 6:15 AM.

If a delay will be modified to a closure or Virtual Instructional Day the morning of, that announcement will generally occur before 8:30 AM.

Early dismissals will be announced with as much advance notice as possible.

Non-public transportation is impacted by weather related schedule changes in the same manner as district transportation.

Update family contingency plans for all potential weather related schedule changes.

Every effort will be made to maintain a regular schedule if it is safe to do so.

Virtual Instructional Days 2026-2027

Virtual Instructional Days are the same as past year's Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs.)

A Virtual Instructional Day is available to public school entities to be used as an alternate approach to delivering instruction if a circumstance arises that prevents instruction in a customary manner.

DSD will at times utilize a Virtual Instructional Day when weather necessitates the closure of school. Other times, school will be closed - traditional snow day and the day will be made up.

The decision to utilize aVirtual Instructional Day will be announced via the automated calling/text system and via local media. Update your contact information in our automated calling/text system as needed.

The announcement to utilize a Virtual Instructional Day will be:

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Virtual Instructional Day

Faculty and students do not report to campus during a Virtual Instructional Day (similar to a traditional “snow day.”)

Virtual Instructional Day Reminders and Updates

- Students will be expected to participate in coursework on Virtual Instructional Day via Google Classroom and/or by utilizing materials and resources prepared and distributed prior to the Virtual Instructional Day.

- When inclement weather is predicted, students will be reminded to take Chromebooks and related materials home prior, when possible.

- Attendance will be monitored and the participation will be assessed on Virtual Instructional Day.

- Students who miss Virtual Instructional Days or do not complete their assignments will have time to make up the assignments per building protocols.

- Teachers, guidance counselors, nurses, related services, and principals will be available via email during Virtual Days.

- When a Virtual Instructional Day is utilized the school day does not need to be made up in place of scheduled holidays or at the end of the school year.

- In an average winter, we have 6-9 closures historically. It is likely that several closures will require make-up days. **Make-up days are included in the school calendar in April and will be added to the end of the school calendar as needed. Plan for both Virtual Instructional Days and traditional snow days that will be made up.**

- Additional details regarding Virtual Instructional Days may be communicated via your child’s teacher(s).